(c) and (d) Government remains concerned at certain aspects of the China-Pakistan relationship which adversely affects our security. This includes Sino-Pak defence cooperation including in the nuclear weapons and missile development programme. We have made known our concerns to the Chinese side.

India and China are seeking a fair reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question through peaceful consultations.

American strategy to fight terrorism

839. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the speech made by US President George W. Bush in his "State of Union Address" outlining the American strategy to fight terrorism and the future course to be pursued indicating that DPRK (North Korea), Iran and Iraq would be its next targets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In his "State of the Union Address" to the U.S. Congress on 29.01.2002, the U.S. President outlined a number of domestic and international policies of his Government, including the U.S. Government's commitment to combat international terrorism. In this context, the U.S. President raised concerns about the links between terrorism and weapons of mass destruction and reiterated his objective of preventing regimes that sponsor terror for threatening America and its friends and allies from weapons of mass destruction. Government has noted that the U.S. President did not state that the United States intends to militarily target any of the named countries.

U.S. mediation in Indo-Pak relation

840. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Administration has offered to mediate in Indo-Pak relation to resume bilateral talks; and